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#### <u>AMENDMENT</u>

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#### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 4, 2006 and Advisory Action dated February 2, 2006, Applicant's have filed a Request for Continued Examination, enclosed herewith. In view of the non-entry of the Amendment After Final filed 23 January 2006, non-entry of the Amendment After Final upon filing the RCE is requested. The present amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested.

The present amendment is based on the <u>finally-rejected claims</u> and comprises the following sections:

- A. Amendments to the Claims
- B. Remarks